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**VIA E-MAIL**

The Honorable Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk of the Commission  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Proceedings to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Fund  
Docket No. 1997-239-C

Dear Charlie:

Enclosed for filing are the original and one (1) copy of Windstream South Carolina, Inc.'s letter of support in the above referenced matter.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of these comments as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Yours very truly,



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Dear Mr. Terreni:

Windstream South Carolina, Inc ("Windstream") respectfully submits this letter in support of the letter filed in this docket by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T") on February 21, 2007 and in general support of the February 7, 2007 letter filed by the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"). In the interests of administrative economy and efficient use of time and resources by all parties Windstream strongly urges the Commission to determine the possible modifications to the USF guidelines as a threshold matter.

There are many potential modifications to the guidelines that could be considered by the Commission and many of them may well be impacted by the appeal of the Commission Orders pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court. However, modifications that conform the guidelines to the requirements of Act 175 can be undertaken while the various appeals run their course. As AT&T suggests, Windstream supports a process wherein each party files a list of modifications it would like the Commission to consider in this docket with a workshop to follow. Windstream believes that such a process is likely to encourage a collaborative environment in which issues and disputes are narrowed, thus facilitating a more focused and efficient hearing.

Windstream appreciates the opportunity to file these comments and the Commission's consideration of comments made by all parties.

Sincerely,



Jayne Eve

cc: Parties of Record

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Jayne T. Eve, hereby certifies that I am employed by Windstream South Carolina, Inc. ("Windstream") and that I have served one copy of the attached Windstream's Letter dated February 26, 2007 in Docket No. 97-239-C to be served upon the following this February 26, 2007:

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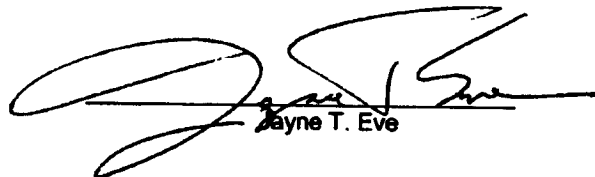
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